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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

References L-O were cited in Applicants' International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report (copies of which are of record). References A-K are all in English, and each is discussed in the specification at pages 2, 3, 9, 10, 14, 18 and 21.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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